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Overview

Identification

COUNTRY

Malawi

EVALUATION TITLE

Anticorruption and Governance

EVALUATION TYPE

Independent Performance Evaluation

ID NUMBER

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Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

Not applicable to this evaluation; no quantitative data to be shared

PRODUCTION DATE

2010-10-17

Overview

ABSTRACT

This ex post performance evaluation was carried out to provide an independent, objective investigation into the effectiveness and efficacy of MTP activities, using the best data and most rigorous methods feasible. The program evaluation serves three purposes: provide lessons learned for MCC, the Government of Malawi, and other program donors; uphold MCC's institutional commitment to measuring program results; and provide practical lessons for current and future Threshold Program partners in developing and implementing Threshold Program activities. A team of two international consultants was hired to evaluate the Malawi Threshold Program.

The performance evaluation examined three key questions:

- 1. Were activities fully executed and did they result in intended, or unintended, outcomes (meaningful changes in practice, knowledge, or attitudes)?
- 2. Have those outcomes and pilot activities proved sustainable?
- 3. What lessons learned can be drawn from these activities?

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Ex-Post

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Individuals, institutions/organizations, project documents

KIND OF DATA

Other

Scope

NOTES

Scope of interviews and document review included the relevance of program interventions to the stated goals, the extent to which activities were undertaken and completed, evidence or anecdote regarding the effectiveness of Threshold

interventions.

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
Capacity Building and Institutional Development	MCC Sector	

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage

UNIVERSE

Interviews were administered to GoM staff, consultants from the various implementing organizations, MCC and USAID staff, civil society representatives who had been sub-grantees or trainees, and relevant third-parties such as donors (see Annex 3 for a list of those interviewed and Annex 4 for sample questions that were modified for each institution).

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MCC Compact and Program

COMPACT OR THRESHOLD

Malawi Threshold

PROGRAM

MCC commissioned an ex post evaluation in late 2009 to provide an objective and rigorous assessment of the effectiveness of the Malawi Threshold Program. The evaluation team examined whether activities were fully executed and resulted in intended, or unintended, outcomes; whether results have proved sustainable; and identified lessons learned. Data collection methodologies included key informant interviews and document review. Data limitations precluded an assessment of the cost-effectiveness of interventions, a counterfactual-based evaluation, and analysis of the impact on MCC's eligibility indicators.

MCC SECTOR

Capacity Building and Institutional Development (Cap Bldg & Inst Dev)

PROGRAM LOGIC

The Malawi Threshold Program was a \$20.9 million program to reduce corruption and improve financial management as a means to improving Malawi's performance on the MCC's Compact eligibility indicators. The program was implemented from September 2006 to September 2008. Anti-corruption and financial management were seen as mutually reinforcing and the activities were designed to achieve three broad objectives: • Establish and strengthen systems for preventing corruption; • Increase the effectiveness and independence of oversight institutions; and • Put in place effective enforcement and deterrence systems.

Sampling

Study Population

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Questionnaires

No content available

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2009-10-01	2009-10-31	N/A
2010-04-01	2009-04-30	N/A
2009-05-01	2009-05-30	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Collection Notes

Key informant interviews- These were administered to GoM staff, consultants from the various implementing organizations, MCC and USAID staff, civil society representatives who had been sub-grantees or trainees, and relevant third-parties such as donors (see Annex 3 for a list of those interviewed and Annex 4 for sample questions that were modified for each institution). Interviews covered the relevance of program interventions to the stated goals, the extent to which activities were undertaken and completed, and evidence or anecdote regarding the effectiveness of Threshold interventions.

Data Collectors

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Data Processing

No content available

Data Appraisal

No content available